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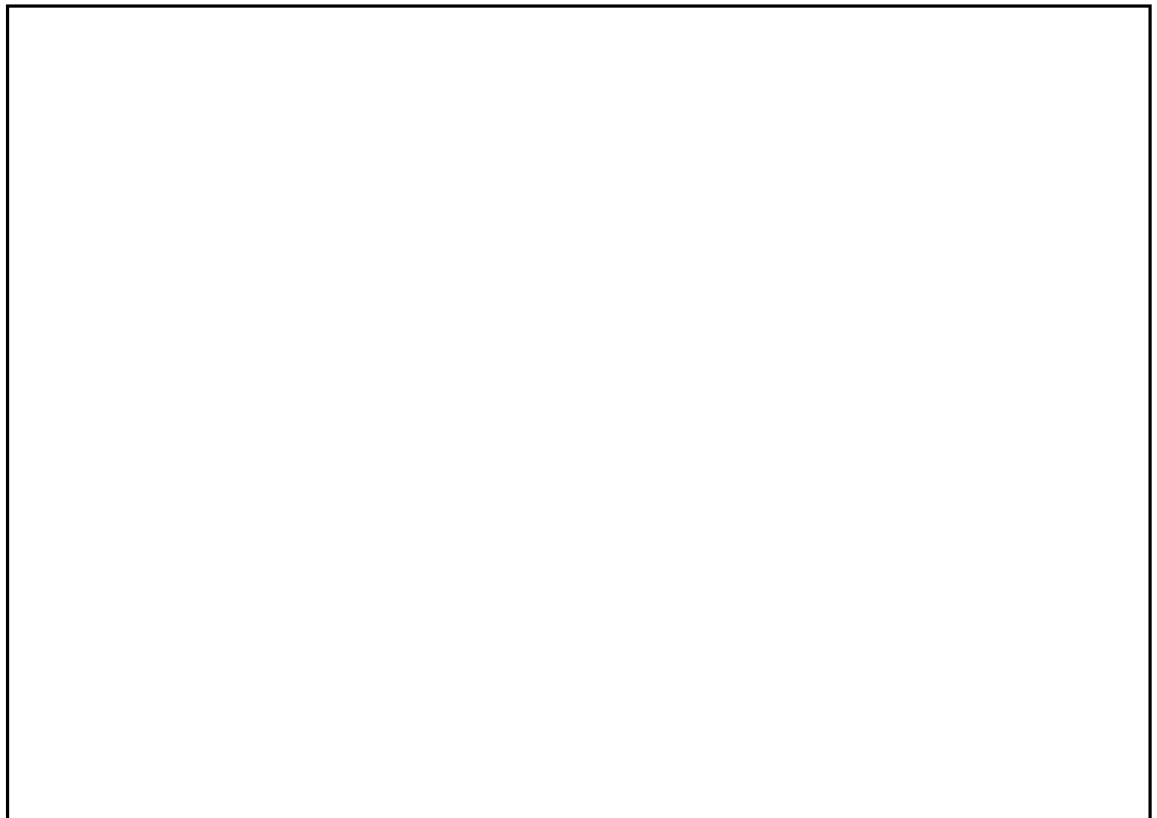
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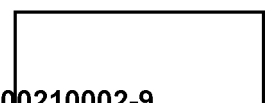
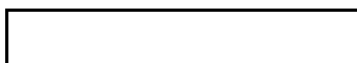
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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

Israel-Lebanon

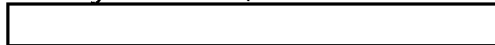
According to press reports, Israeli armored vehicles and troops moved into several areas in southern Lebanon yesterday. Lebanese broadcasts reported this morning that the Israelis again shelled positions in the south and that Israeli warplanes drew antiaircraft fire while flying over Beirut.



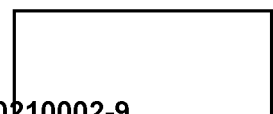
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Iraq-Sudan

Iraq last night broke diplomatic relations with Sudan. Khartoum had broken relations with Baghdad the preceding day, as announced by President Numayri in a lengthy speech cataloging Iraqi actions taken against Sudan for its support of Egyptian President Sadat. The Iraqi statement noted that Numayri would be opposed by, among others, "the sons of our fraternal people in Sudan."



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USSR

The Dutch, who handle Israeli interests in the USSR and thus issue visas to Soviet Jews wishing to emigrate, informed the US Embassy in Moscow yesterday that Soviet Jewish emigration will exceed 5,000 people this month. The acting Dutch consul predicted that Jewish emigration from the USSR could reach 50,000 this year--and stay at that level through 1981--if Soviet authorities maintain their current guidelines regarding the exodus. He added that, on the basis of interviews with visa applicants, at least 70 percent of the emigrants nominally bound for Israel will continue to seek to enter the US once they have arrived at West European transit stops. [REDACTED]

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Djibouti-Egypt-Iraq

The US Embassy in Djibouti reported yesterday that an Iraqi military transport had appeared overhead there--without prior notice--just minutes after the arrival of Egyptian Defense Minister Ali last Friday. The Iraqi transport delivered 4,000 complete military uniforms and probably some ammunition for AK-47 attack rifles; the aircraft was unloaded at night. Djibouti reportedly requested the supplies from Baghdad last fall but heard nothing in reply until the aircraft arrived without clearances. The Embassy commented that local sources assume the Iraqis wished to upstage Ali, whose trip had been announced two days earlier. [REDACTED]

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Japan-US

The government announced today that special envoy Miyazawa, at one time Japan's Foreign Minister, will fly tomorrow to the US, where he will be making final preparations for Prime Minister Ohira's visit here. Ohira is scheduled to confer with President Carter a week from today. [REDACTED]

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Japan-ASEAN

According to a Western wire service report, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said today in Tokyo that his government is seeking a ministerial-level meeting with members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in early July in Indonesia. The meeting would occur soon after the Western seven-nation summit talks in Tokyo in late June and permit the Japanese to explain the discussions there on economic relations between the industrialized and developing countries. Foreign Ministers of Japan and the ASEAN nations met last June in Thailand. [REDACTED]

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Nepal

The US Embassy in Kathmandu reported yesterday that a clash Monday between police and students striking for greater political and academic freedoms resulted in a number of serious injuries and probably several deaths; many students were arrested, and local university campuses were closed only one day after they were reopened. The government is concerned that unrest may be spreading to other segments of the population. Workers joined students in a clash with police in one town outside the capital, and some 12,000 workers are involved in a labor strike in a major city of southern Nepal. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: The government closed campuses in the capital area last week in an unsuccessful effort to quash the student strike, which began earlier this month. Conservatives in the royal family and among palace advisers will almost certainly urge young, indecisive King Birendra to take a tough stance against further disturbances. He may well do so, particularly if he becomes convinced that Nepal's proscribed political parties are directing the current unrest. [REDACTED]

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Portugal

President Eanes will speak today to mark the fifth anniversary of the Portuguese revolution. The US Embassy reports that while his speeches on such occasions have been little more than exhortations, they have produced unanticipated political ripples. Eanes has recently been challenged to dissolve the legislative assembly, call early elections, reshuffle Prime Minister Mota Pinto's government, or resign as armed forces Chief of Staff. The Embassy doubts he will take any of those steps, but he is likely to be criticized by both the left and the right no matter what he says today. 

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